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	A7	SEIICHIRO, "Semiconductor Device and its Manufacture," Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 1999, No. 5, May 31, 1999, JP 11 045839, February 16, 1999, Denso Corp., Abstract.	
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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(c), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Document A1 is an English equivalent of the Japanese application set forth in the Patent Abstract of Document A7.

Documents A2-A8 came to Applicants' attention during a search of the corresponding European application. A copy of the Partial European Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

STATEMENT

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